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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SGT. GARY A. FAUSTINI

1. MARINE CORPS ADVISES THAT IT IS NOT APPROVING ANY
EXTENSION OF MSG DUTY.

2. APPRECIATE RSO VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF FAUSTINI AS

NCOIC OF PSU DETAIL, BUT ALSO BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT
SECOND SENIOR MARINE OF SUCH DETAIL MUST BE PREPARED TO
TAKE OVER AT ANY TIME. ADDITIONALLY, PAST EXPERIENCE HAS
PROVEN THAT IT NOT BENEFICIAL IN THE LONG RUN TO EXTEND PSU
MEMBERS. EVENTUALLY, FAUSTINI WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED
AND THE LONGER HE STAYS THE GREATER THE ARGUMENT THAT CAN
BE MADE FOR HIS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE AND HENCE RETEN-
TION.

3. UNDERSTAND CO, COMPANY "D" HAS ALREADY ADVISED EMBASSY
OF DENIAL OF REQUESTS THROUGH ITS CHANNELS FOR EXTENSION OF
FAUSTINI.

4. IT IS A COMPLIMENT TO SGT. FAUSTINI THAT THE AMBASSADOR
AS WELL AS THE RSO IS SO IMPRESSED WITH SGT. FAUSTINI'S

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PERFORMANCE, BUT WE URGE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF REASONS FOR

NOT HONORING FAUSTINI'S EXTENSION.
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